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Subcommittee Chairman Dennis Ross Opening Statement

We are here today to discuss whether federal employees are compensated fairly.

According to the Office of Personnel Management the average salary for federal employees was \$74,311 in 2009.

The Members of this Subcommittee recognize that our talented federal workforce performs critically essential functions for the Nation.

In a time when our economy is in a recession, the contrast between government and private sector pay is stark.

With federal spending and unemployment at or near record highs, this hearing presents an opportunity for us to address these issues.

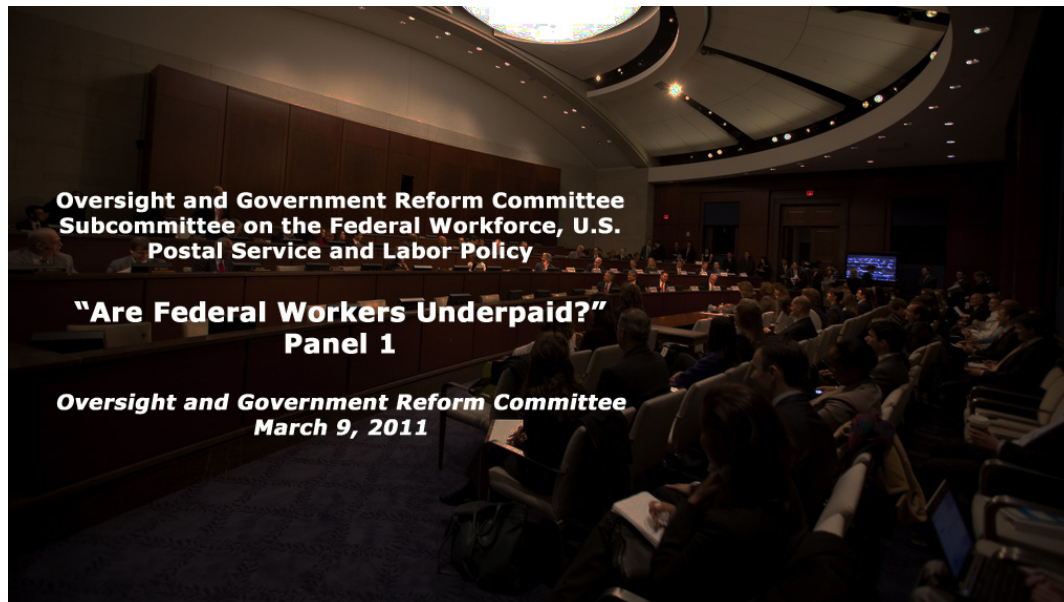
Over the past decade, compensation of private sector employees has not kept pace with that of federal employees.

Last November, President Obama announced a 2-year pay freeze for federal employees. Unfortunately, this freeze has not been extended.

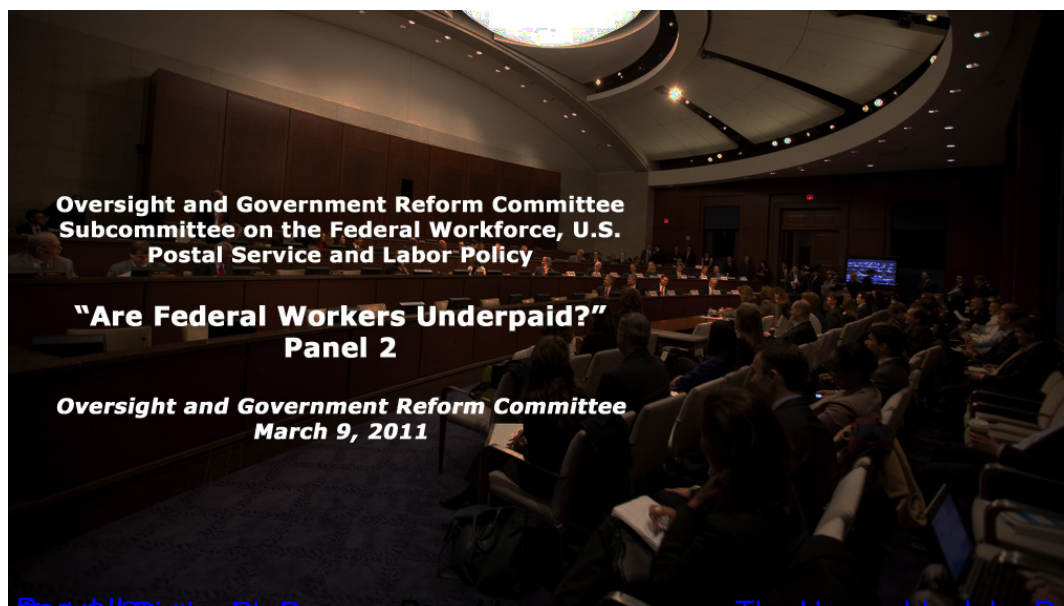
Our taxpayers can no longer be asked to foot the bill for these federal employees while watching their own paychecks shrink.

I thank the witnesses for appearing here today and I look forward to their testimony.

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Panel 1

[The Honorable John Berry](#)

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